GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SCHEME FOR TRANSFER OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for transfer of water amongst States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether State Government have been consulted for proper implementation of the scheme;

(d) if so, whether some State Governments have demanded monetising water transfer ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (e) National Perspective Plan for transferring water fromwater surplus basins to water deficit areas was prepared in 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA)was established in 1982 as an autonomous society to carryout water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA has identified 30links under the National Perspective Plan for Preparation of the feasibility reports and has completed feasibility reports of 6 links under Peninsular Component. The Central Government has set- upa Task Force under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member Parliament (Lok Sabha) on December13, 2002 with the following term of reference :-

(i) Provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects in respect of economic viability, socio-economic impacts, environmental impacts and preparation resettlement plans;

(ii) Devise suitable mechanism for bringing about speedy consensus amongst the States;

(iii) Prioritize the different project components for preparation of Detailed Project Reports and implementation;

(iv) Propose suitable organizational structure for implementing the project;

(v) Consider various modalities for project funding; and

(vi) Consider international dimensions that may be involved in some project components. The Task Force is working to suggest and guide the task of achieving the goal of interlinking of rivers by the end of 2016.